

Remarks

Claims 1-13 are currently pending in the patent application. For the reasons and arguments set forth below, Applicant respectfully submits that the claimed invention is allowable over the cited references.

In the Office Action dated February 7, 2008, the following rejections are present: claims 1-6 and 9-10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over the Yamazaki reference (US Patent No. 4,908,678); and claim 8 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over the Yamazaki reference. Claims 7 and 11-13 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten.

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections generally and specifically the prior art rejections that attempt to equate claim limitations with unsupported (without citations) assertions that there are corresponding statements in the '678 reference and/or this asserted prior art suggests the combined teaching (and/or that the skilled artisan would be so led to conduct such routine experimentation) asserted in connection with the Section 103(a) claim rejections.

Notwithstanding, Applicant acknowledges the notice of allowability and has taken action in view thereof. With the goal of facilitating prosecution, Applicant has agreed to amend the claims, without prejudice to further prosecution to further prosecution in a related (continuation or divisional) application, by effectively rewriting the claims in independent form. In this spirit, claims 1 and 11 have been amended to include the subject matter of now-cancelled claims 6-7, and claims 12-13 have been amended to be consistent therewith.

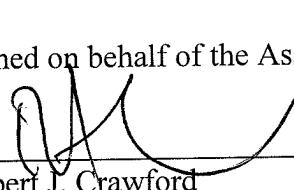
In view of the remarks above, Applicant believes that each of the rejections/objections has been overcome and the application is in condition for allowance. Should there be any remaining issues that could be readily addressed over the telephone,

the Examiner is asked to contact the agent overseeing the application file, Peter Zawilska,
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